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Labour meets as Ben-Aharon resigns post

By Mark Segal, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
The Labour Party leadership was meeting in Prime Minister Golda Meir's office in Jerusalem last night to discuss Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's resignation as Histadrut Secretary-General earlier in the day.

Present in addition to Mrs. Meir and Mr. Ben-Aharon were Ministers Haim Bar-Lev, Haim Gvati, Ya'acov Shmushon Shapiro, Yosef Almog, Yigal Allon and Shimo Killel; Messrs. Yehoshua Weischna and Yehoshua Meshel, of the Histadrut; and Messrs. Gad Ya'acobi and Moshe Carmel and Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinovitch.



Yitzhak Ben-Aharon (Israel Sun)

Mr. Ben-Aharon announced his resignation yesterday, first at a caucus meeting of the Labour-Mapsam Alignment leadership of the Histadrut and then at the Histadrut Central Committee session. He said the Government had no right to intervene in labour disputes, undermining Histadrut independence, and specifically pinpointed the Government intervention which ended the threatened strike in the canning industry.

The Histadrut leadership immediately called upon him to retract his resignation, in accordance with a motion moved by deputy Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruhim Mechei who is also Histadrut Labour Party whip.

This will have been the second time Mr. Ben-Aharon has resigned from high public office, having walked out of the Transport Ministry in the late 1960s.

Speculation was rife last night that Mr. Ben-Aharon's disclaimers notwithstanding, he would retract his resignation, but that the Labour Party leadership would be called upon to pay a heavy price. One of his closest aides indicated to this reporter yesterday that Mr. Ben-Aharon would insist on great

the next phase of his collision course with his party's national leadership. Over the weekend observers had sensed he was about to make some exceptionally dramatic gesture when boycotting all the mediation meetings over the weekend. But he astounded most people by staying away from the top level meeting convened Saturday night by the Prime Minister.

By last night, when the Labour Party leadership were gathered in the Prime Minister's office to seek and iron out the crisis, a campaign of support for him appeared to be sweeping the country. It remained to be seen whether it was engineered by the left wing or whether leftist politicians were jumping on a bandwagon set in motion by grass roots sympathy for the image of a sharp critic of the establishment.

Sympathy strikes have been called in public utilities which come under the Transport Ministry, still staffed by officials installed when Mr. Ben-Aharon and Mr. Moshe Carmel were Ministers for Ahdut Ha'avoda. Mr. Carmel is still Chairman of the Board of El Al, and employees of the national airlines are holding a sympathy strike today for two hours at Lod Airport. Another strike, for one hour, is being called at Ashdod port by stevedore boss Yehoshua Peretz — a vocal sup-

Ben-Aharon's resignation

THE decision of Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon to resign did not come as a complete surprise to those who have been studying his actions and statements of late. For his growing dissatisfaction with what he terms "Government interference in the affairs of the Histadrut" has been clear for some time.

Mr. Ben-Aharon was known to be unhappy with the Settlement of Labour Disputes Law, though for reasons of party discipline he did not vote against it when it was brought up for decision in the Knesset. He is also opposed to the proposed national pension scheme.

Since his appointment, Mr. Ben-Aharon has sought ways to improve the image of the Histadrut, especially in the eyes of the rank and file who had begun to doubt that the Labour Federation represented their true interests. Many members felt that the legacy which Ben-Aharon inherited served the general aims of the Government's economic policy, but not the bread and butter issues which concern them.

Responding to this, Mr. Ben-Aharon has displayed a willingness to voice sentiments not designed to please his colleagues in the Labour Party leadership. He was well aware of whom he was offending and upon his resignation said he knew who would drink champagne to celebrate the event.

There are those who believe that Mr. Ben-Aharon in fact wanted a showdown with the manufacturers over the claims of the canning industry workers. He felt this to be a good and convenient issue, persuaded that this industry, with its profits in good order, could well afford to satisfy the workers' demands.

The manufacturers, on the other hand, feared the effects of such submission not only on the canning industry, but on other sectors as well and wanted above all to preserve the terms of the three per cent wage-framework agreement to which they and the Histadrut committed themselves earlier.

The Government, anxious to avoid such a showdown, used its legal prerogatives to prevent it, and Mr. Ben-Aharon took umbrage.

On the political level Mr. Ben-Aharon's act threatens the delicate balances inside the Labour Party whereby Ahdut Ha'avoda, Mr. Ben-Aharon's political domicile, has established itself so firmly in the centre of Labour Party power. For Mr. Ben-Aharon's move is a direct challenge to the Prime Minister and Mr. Sapir. And while many in Ahdut Ha'avoda, and in Mapsam as well, undoubtedly sympathize with him, the step cannot be viewed as comfort to Mr. Gvati and Mr. Allon, torn by their Ahdut loyalty on the one hand and their political affinity to Mrs. Meir and Mr. Sapir on the other.

Beyond this, of course, there is the more fundamental issue of the relations between the Government and the Histadrut. It is the Government and not the Histadrut which can and the Histadrut which must make general economic policy. And it must therefore be in a position to see it through, in other words, here could be no otherwise planning and no coordination of effort.

The difficulty of balancing this need with the need for a Labour Federation strong enough to protect labour interests and maintain anarchy on the labour front, has long been recognized. But Mr. Ben-Aharon, invoking the militant slogans and partisan posture of a by-gone era, would strike at the very arrangements which make a national and coherent economic policy possible.

If therefore he sticks to his guns, it is difficult to see how his party's efforts to persuade him to rescind can be of use, for his price appears too high. Certainly submission to his basic views would open a wholly new and uncertain chapter for Israel's economy.

Yet whatever one believes about his political posture, Mr. Ben-Aharon, if indeed he carries his resignation, over a matter of policy as he once did, while Transport Minister, is entitled to praise for this very act, so rare in the course of Israeli politics.

Dependence on Soviet criticised SADAT INDICATES INTERNAL DISSENT

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat admitted yesterday the emergence of political opposition within the country. He disclosed that a group of politicians had recently sent him a memorandum demanding that a "national front" be set up to guide the country instead of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's sole political party.



Sadat addresses Egypt's parliament. (AP radiophoto)

Sadat made clear that the group was opposed mainly to Egypt's increased dependence on the Soviet Union.

"What is the meaning of this new wave?" Sadat asked in an address to the Egyptian parliament. He was speaking at a special session marking the first anniversary of what was described as "the corrective revolution," in which Sadat dismissed political opponents led by former Vice-President Ali Sabry.

The Egyptian President said that Israel declared it was a frontline for the Americans protecting their interests in the region — and was "an agent" for the U.S. "I am not an agent for the Soviet Union, and

I do not work for the protection of the Russian interests," Sadat said. He said Egypt's ties with the Soviet Union were "friendly."

"The Soviet Union indeed has its (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Opposition in Egypt apparently growing

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
A year after suppressing high-ranking political opponents, the 19-month-old regime of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat continues to face opposition which has grown to the extent that it dares confront the government in the open. This is the major significance of Sadat's speech in parliament yesterday.

The opposition is challenging the one-party system, which has obviously failed to absorb all the country's political groups; and increased Egypt's dependence on the Soviet Union. Opponents of Sadat believe that the Russian presence in Egypt has led to the stalemate in the Middle East.

Other highlights of the speech were:

- Sadat's indication that the Soviet Union is not blindly supporting his regime — whose instability appears to have led to greater caution on Moscow's part.
- Sadat's failure for the first time

to make any specific mention of Syria, whose president, Hafez Assad, stayed away from recent meetings called between Sadat and Libya's Mu'ammer Gaddafi, Syria's two partners in a tripartite federation.

• Sadat's strong suggestion that his authority was being contested in Egypt by former comrades in the Revolutionary Command Council, which toppled King Farouk in 1952. Indicating that the former "free officers" were renewing their activity, Sadat said that after Nasser's death in September 1970 three officers had proposed the establishment of a new revolutionary command council for eight months, following which a president would be elected and a permanent constitution drafted.

The fact that these men have returned to activity, and more openly, indicates that they reckon on some kind of strong support, most likely from groups in the armed forces.

British railmen IRAQ WARNS OIL GROUPS

LONDON (UPI). — Britain's three railway unions yesterday ordered their 230,000 members to end a three-day nationwide slowdown immediately, in compliance with a Government-sponsored court order.

The move came after an appeals court held an unprecedented Sunday sitting to hear union arguments against the order, the government's second attempt in three weeks to curb labour trouble on the rails.

"With possible contempt of court proceedings over our heads, it is important to make every effort to comply as soon as possible," said Morris Finer, representing one of the unions.

Britain meanwhile spent the weekend without trains. The state-run railways board cancelled all service until 6 a.m. today because of the shortage of personnel.

Waldheim transmitting Israel hijack note

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim yesterday agreed to transmit an Israeli note to various Arab Governments holding them responsible for the actions of saboteurs and hijackers. Israel Radio reported last night. The message was handed to Dr. Waldheim by Israel's Ambassador to the U.N., Mr. Yosef Tekoah. (See Page 3)

Troops move in to end Belfast battle

BELFAST (UPI). — British paratroopers moved in last night to end a day-long gun battle between Roman Catholics and Protestants, their first daylight showdown since the soldiers arrived nearly three years ago to keep the peace.

The army said that one Protestant youth died after admission to a hospital. Another lay wounded. There were reports of at least four others hit in the battle. (Earlier story page 2.)

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Mr. Ben-Aharon told a meeting of the Labour Party's leadership at Premier Meir's office last night that the party and the Government had shown no confidence in the Histadrut.

He accused the Government of "making sides" in the wage dispute between the workers and the Manufacturers' Association. Labour Minister Yosef Almog said there were precedents for the Government's intervention as mediator, and recalled one such initiative some years ago by Yigal Allon, then Labour Minister (and fellow-member of Ben-Aharon's party, Ahdut Ha'avoda) in a dispute between citrus owners and the Agricultural Workers Union. This time Government participation was necessary, said Mr. Almog, because if a strike broke out in the canning food industry, it would cause a chain-reaction of crises in the economy.

Prime Minister Golda Meir took Mr. Ben-Aharon to task for his frequent public criticism of the Government in the last two years, since he headed the Histadrut. Yet she asked him to withdraw his resignation — an action on his part which she described as an easy choice but not a responsible one.

Mr. Allon, Deputy Prime Minister, proposed that the meeting should take note of the successful conclusion of the labour dispute in the canning industry. He called for a party convention to discuss the position and standing of the Histadrut.

ter independence, meaning replacement of a number of top-ex-Mapsam Histadrut officials on the Central Committee. On top of that list would be Histadrut Treasurer Yehoshua Levi and Histadrut Trade Union Chief Uriel Abramowitz.

The dynamic 65-year-old Mr. Ben-Aharon yesterday upheld his title as the "stormy petrel of Israeli labour," when making one of his characteristically dramatic speeches and appearing to be set on

American Phantoms cut major North Vietnamese supply route HANOI FORCES LAUNCH BIG ASSAULT

SAIGON (AP). — North Vietnamese forces launched heavy tank, infantry and artillery assaults yesterday against the outer defenses of Kontum City in the Central Highlands and shelled South Vietnam's northernmost front with long-range guns.

Military sources said the renewed assaults could indicate the North Vietnamese are about to open the third phase of their 48-day offensive.

The assaults in the highlands were the first major move on the defenses of Kontum itself, said to be a key objective of the offensive. Thousands of South Vietnamese reinforcements were rushed to the Kontum defensive line.

The U.S. 7th Air Force announced, meanwhile, that American warplanes Saturday destroyed the Thanh Hoa Bridge, 136 kms. south of Hanoi, cutting a major supply route for the North Vietnamese offensive in the south.

Sources also disclosed that both the north-east and north-west rail lines linking Hanoi with China, a supplier of arms and ammunition, had been cut at various points and several spans of the Paul Doumer Railroad Causeway Bridge on the northern edge of Hanoi wrecked.

U.S. Phantom jets used what were described as "phenomenally accurate" guided bombs to cut Thanh Hoa bridge.

The sources said 16 Phantoms took part in the Thanh Hoa attack, contrasting with the several hundred planes usually used on a major raid against the north.

The Associated Press reported from Pleiku that two South Vietnamese infantry regiments and an

CHOU SAYS AMERICA TO BLAME

PEKING (Reuters). — Chinese Premier Chou En-lai said last night that the mining of North Vietnamese ports by the U.S. and other actions against the Hanoi Government were a grave violation of the Vietnam war.

In his first reference to the U.S. blockade of North Vietnam, Mr. Chou said at a banquet that the Chinese Government resolutely opposed imperialism, aggression and war and firmly supported the three Indo-Chinese peoples in their just war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

armoured cavalry troop reinforced the outer defenses of Kontum City shortly after government positions were attacked less than 13 kms. from the provincial capital on both sides of Highway 14.

The North Vietnamese assault force, said to number as many as two regiments of 15 to 1,000 troops, bypassed Pleiku November, which is about 5 kms. north of Kontum.

The Saigon command claimed 178 North Vietnamese troops were killed. South Vietnamese spokesmen at Pleiku said 10 tanks were destroyed and the U.S. command said (Continued on page 2, Col. 2)

'Mines will be deactivated for Moscow summit'

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Compromise on canners

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A threatened strike was averted yesterday of 4,500 workers in private canning factories, thus setting aside a counter-threat by employers of a nationwide lockout.

A compromise proposal put forward by Prime Minister Golda Meir on Saturday night was adopted yesterday morning by the Histadrut Central Committee and later in the evening by the Manufacturers Association following a stormy meeting. The industrialists agreed only after an impassioned appeal by Association President Mark Mosevitch to accept the Premier's compromise. "I do not believe we can fight the government and the Histadrut at the same time," he said. Under the compromise, day labourers will get monthly salaries status after 18 years of work as of January 1, 1972. Their sever-

ance pay will be calculated on the basis of three weeks' wages for every year of work. The latter provision applies only to workers who have been on the job for eight years and will go into effect only from January next and will not be retroactive.

Mr. Mosevitch has considerable business interests in both private and Histadrut canning firms, apart from his partnership in Elite Ltd. Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon is a member of Kibbutz Givat Haim, which is also an owner of one of the country's largest canning firms.

Mr. Mosevitch's task was facilitated by the endorsement of the compromise proposal earlier in the day by the Histadrut Central Committee, which had agreed to put off the general strike of 4,500 workers in private canning firms for the time being, after having officially endorsed the strike only on Friday.

The rider in the Histadrut decision was that if the manufacturers reject the proposal, then the strike would start this morning.

Association leaders complained that at the meeting with Mrs. Meir on Saturday night they were let down by the Ministers, specifically Finance Minister Sapir and Labour Minister Almog, because both urged them to give in to the workers' demands.

Mr. Mosevitch reported that Mrs. Meir admonished the Histadrut leadership: "If you signed an agreement you should honour it. You should have raised these issues at the time you hammered out the framework guidelines, not afterwards." He added that both Mrs. Meir and Mr. Sapir had dwelt on the low salaries earned by canning workers, stating that their demands were just, and a compromise between labour and management had to be reached.

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Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Zalman Shazar, yesterday received Mr. David Ben-Gurion at Beit Hanassi. President Shazar also received Mr. Yakir Erentov, author of a history of Yugoslav Jewry; and a six-man delegation from the Union of Yugoslav Jewish Communities, led by Mr. Alexander Moshe. The Yugoslav delegation was accompanied by Mr. Avraham Shenker, head of the Organization and Information Department of the Jewish Agency.

The Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, held a Jerusalem Day luncheon Friday for Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wohl of London. The guests included Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Eilatman, Knesset Members, representatives of the Jewish Palestine Appeal of Great Britain, and the rabbinic and administrative heads of Yeshivat Hakotel.

The chairman of Bank Leumi, Dr. Ernst Lehmann, yesterday held a reception in honour of the Iranian delegation which arrived for the cornerstone ceremony of the Iranian immigrants' housing estate, Kiryat Koresh.

The chairman of the Israel-Italy League, Mr. Arye Oron, met yesterday with the president of "Ansa," the Italian state news agency, Mr. F. Malgeri, together with the Rector of Tel Aviv University, Prof. S. Simonsen.

"Economics and Labour Ethics" will be the topic discussed by Mr. Shmuel Tamir, M.K., at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club today, 7 p.m., at the President Hotel.

A dramatized play reading of "Relatively Speaking," a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, will take place on Tuesday, May 16th, at 8.30 p.m., at the Wizo Club, 1 Rehov Mapu, Jerusalem.

Hanoi using new Soviet missile for 'slow' planes

SAIGON (UPI). — Slow-moving U.S. spotter aircraft and helicopters are flying higher these days to evade North Vietnam's newest ground-to-air weapon, a heat-seeking missile operated by one man, American military sources said yesterday.

"We have adjusted our tactics," one source said. "They have range limitations. They are only good for a couple of miles and they have altitude limitations."

The weapon, a Soviet-built SA-7 missile, was first identified during the Communist offensive in the northern Quang Tri Province two weeks ago.

The new missiles caused concern because they are easy to transport, can be operated by one soldier, and home in on the engines of low-flying aircraft. A helicopter pilot who was shot at by the missile said they resemble a small "Sam." He described it as "long and thin, with a white vapour trail."

American sources declined to say exactly what the new missile's effective altitude was on the grounds even the North Vietnamese were not certain.

Egyptian F.M. to visit Paris

PARIS (Reuters). — France and Egypt will discuss major cooperation programmes when Egyptian Foreign Minister Mourad Ghaleb begins talks with President Georges Pompidou and other French leaders here on Wednesday, officials said here yesterday.

Joseph Berger, 86

TEL AVIV. — The death occurred on Saturday night of Joseph Berger, eldest son of one of Tel Aviv's founding families, at the age of 86.

Berger's parents, Dov and Dvora, built one of the first houses in the city, at 4 Rehov Herzl. He is survived by his brother and two sisters, in Tel Aviv.

The funeral will leave from the Dafna funeral parlour at 1 p.m. today for the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.

EBAN REPORTS TO CABINET Most governments approved Israel's action on hijack

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent Foreign Minister Eban reported to the Cabinet yesterday on world reaction to the foiling of the hijack at Lod Airport last Tuesday. He said virtually all the reaction to Israel's release of the Sabena aircraft had been positive, singling out for special mention the approval voiced by the Belgian Government.

Mr. Eban reiterated that there was no foundation to any of the charges levelled by the International Red Cross against Israel. Israel had not been aided by the Red Cross at all during the operation, he added. All written communication on the subject has yet been received in Jerusalem from the International Red Cross, the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced yesterday evening.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, reported to the Cabinet yesterday on the airport operation. Defence Minister Moshe Dayan filled in some details.

PREMIER'S THANKS
 Premier Golda Meir voiced appreciation on behalf of herself and the Cabinet to the Chief of Staff and the I.D.F. as a whole, for the well-planned and well-executed operation. She asked Transport Minister Shimon Peres to convey the Cabinet's appreciation to the Lod Airport management and staff, and to ZI AL for their devoted work. Commendation was particularly due, she said, for the fact that the airport had been kept going as usual during the entire 21 hours of the hijack drama.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday received a cable from Sabena president Gaston Dieu expressing the airline's thanks and admiration for the resourceful rescue of the hijacked jet and for his "splendid treatment" of the plane's crew.

AP reports from Geneva that International Red Cross Committee efforts appear to have succeeded in convincing Arab critics there was no collusion with Israel authorities.



King Hussein of Jordan, left, talks with Britain's Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Richard Wood, at Saturday's inauguration of the Akaba Airport, partially financed by Britain. (AP radiophoto)

FIVE DEAD IN CLASHES Civilians leave after Belfast gun battles

BELFAST (UPI). — The worst Belfast gun-battles since introduction of internment nine months ago prompted Roman Catholics and Protestants yesterday to evacuate women and children from sectarian trouble spots.

At least four civilians and a soldier died on Saturday night and early yesterday in three-way gun-fires that ranged over a wide area of the city. It was touched off by the bombing of a crowded Roman Catholic pub that injured 61 persons.

There was renewed sporadic shooting yesterday, the British Army said. One soldier was hit by a sniper, but his wound was not serious.

In Londonderry, troops shot and killed a civilian after coming under sniper attack. The provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) said the 17-year-old youth was one of its volunteers.

An army spokesman said the Belfast death toll might be higher when the full facts are known.

Turkish crisis worsens as Cabinet is dismissed

ANKARA. — Turkish politicians expressed bewilderment yesterday at the deepening political crisis and said they did not see anyone capable of forming a government satisfactory to military commanders.

The crisis took a surprising turn on Saturday night when President Cevdet Sunay took the unprecedented step of voting a 24-man government pieced together by Suat Hayri Urganlu, the man he selected as Premier on April 29.

Sunay rejected the government on the grounds that it was not suitable to the military commanders. Political sources said the government was apparently too left-wing.

Sunay did not indicate what action he would take now, but political sources said he probably would not move quickly in asking someone else to try to put together a government.

At the moment the government is in the hands of Acting Premier Ferit Mecid.

But because of the threat of violence, Ankara is under a curfew and the armed forces remain on alert status throughout the country. Moreover, politicians are barred from political activity on the instructions of the military.

Meanwhile, the Republican People's Party — Turkey's oldest political organization — yesterday elected Mr. Bulent Ecevit as its new leader, dealing an unprecedented political blow to veteran statesman Ismet Inonu.

The Republicans chose Mr. Ecevit, 47, at an extraordinary party congress overshadowed by prospects for a damaging split in the party ranks as a result of a policy dispute.

Mr. Inonu, 87-year-old former President and leader of the party 33 years, resigned his life presidency last Monday after failing to regain control of the executive from supporters of Mr. Ecevit's left-of-centre policy.

Prison to be asked for Cairo rioters

CAIRO (Reuters). — Life imprisonment will be demanded for 70 Egyptians who are to be tried on charges arising out of riots in Cairo on April 30, in which two people died and 50 were hurt, Cairo newspapers reported yesterday.

They said the accused would appear before the Supreme State Security Court but did not say when the trial would open.

The accused have been charged with rioting, destroying public and private buildings, resisting the police and stoning trains.

The riots in the Cairo industrial suburb of Shubra el Khawa were reported to have followed clashes among evacuees living in the district, but full details of the disturbance have not so far emerged. Police rushed to the scene and arrested 99 people, of whom 29 were later released.

Austrian call for peaceful M-E solution

CAIRO (Reuters). — Austrian Foreign Minister Rudolf Kirchschlaeger said here yesterday that his government believed that no effort should be spared to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis on the basis of the U.N. Security Council Resolution of November 1967.

The Austrian Minister was speaking at a press conference at the end of a week-long visit to Egypt during which he conferred with Foreign Minister Mourad Ghaleb, Vice-President Mahmoud Fawzy and Premier Aziz Sidky.

Dr. Kirchschlaeger described his talks with the Egyptian officials as successful and useful.

Bid to foil Arab moves at WHO

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday briefly reviewed at the Cabinet meeting the efforts of Israel's diplomatic representatives the world over to thwart an Arab-inspired move to have Israel dismissed out of the World Health Organization, which is currently meeting in Geneva.

The Foreign Minister also told the Cabinet of his talks with visiting Dutch Foreign Minister Norbert Schmelzer which, he said, were held "in an atmosphere of confidence and understanding."

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Allon gave a brief 15-minute report to the Cabinet on his visit to the U.S. No details were released of the report.

U.S.S.R. torture reported to influence defector

CANBERRA (UPI). — Sen. John Kane, Federal Secretary of Australia's Democratic Labour Party (DLP), said yesterday that a Soviet sailor who had defected to Australia last year went back to the Soviet Union after hearing in the Soviet embassy tapes of his family being tortured.

Mr. Kane did not disclose how he obtained the information, but said Russian sailor Nazid Soloviev was persuaded to visit the Soviet embassy.

At the embassy, Mr. Kane said, Mr. Soloviev agreed to return to Russia "after hearing... tapes of his wife and child."

"The DLP has been told these were tapes of his wife and child being tortured," he said.

MALAGASY RIOTING AFTER STRIKES

TANANARIVE, Malagasy (Reuters). — Rioters stormed the town hall in Tananarive yesterday and set the first floor of the building on fire in another outburst of troubles springing from a student strike.

President Philibert Tsiranana declared a state of emergency in the country and warned against "Communist agitation" on Saturday night after fighting between security forces and students had left 15 dead and about 150 injured, according to official figures.

Clashes continued in the capital throughout yesterday morning, and security forces used teargas against groups assembling near the radio headquarters.

Official sources who reported the assault on the town hall attributed the new rioting to hooligans, and said the student strikers were not responsible.

The students, who have been on strike for three weeks, are demanding radical changes in the educational system.

Relative calm returned to the capital yesterday afternoon, but sounds like bursting tear-gas grenades could still be heard in some parts of Tananarive.

Government sources have made it plain they consider the disorders to go much deeper than student discontent.

Interior Minister Barthelemy Johasy said the student strike was a cloak for subversive political elements whose aim was to overthrow the Malagasy Republic's Social Democratic Party regime.



Waving Vietcong flags, youthful demonstrators gave their commentary on Allied Forces Day parade of military hardware in West Berlin on Saturday.

HANOI FORCES

(Continued from page one) two Soviet-built T54 medium tanks were destroyed by newly-arrived helicopters, armed with specially designed anti-tank weapons, tanks and missiles. Initial reports said five South Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 14 wounded.

In Saigon, the lower house of South Vietnam's National Assembly approved yesterday a controversial proposal to give President Nguyen Van Thieu "full powers" to deal with the crisis resulting from North Vietnam's general offensive.

The bill would give Mr. Thieu sweeping powers to issue by decree laws on almost any subject for six months, and would in effect give legislative sanctions to a series of emergency measures, including martial law, that he already has ordered. The bill needs the approval of the Senate before becoming law.

North Vietnam's chief negotiator to the Paris peace conference, Xuan Thuy, on his way back to Hanoi for consultations had talks in Peking with Premier Chou En-lai and other top Chinese officials, the New China News Agency reported yesterday.

Mekong Delta, has been pushing north, as part of the drive to break the siege of An Loc, the now nearly destroyed provincial capital 97 kms. north of Saigon.

Saturday's victory carried them to within 21 kms. of their goal. The last heavy fighting actually was Friday afternoon, but it was Saturday morning when the remnants of the bloodied North Vietnamese force fired a paring barrage of rockets at the 21st and pulled northward into the next treeline.

After four days of bitter fighting, this phase of the drive on An Loc had climaxed about 1.6 kms. north of the command post on Highway 13. It was a spooky walk through scrub and sand, littered with helmets and discarded equipment from both armies, blasted vehicles and other debris of a month's battles.

The front line now was represented by five South Vietnamese tanks, deployed in a row with engines idling and guns pointed northward. The command post here was another tank, burned and abandoned in a previous battle.

On the roadside, a South Vietnamese soldier was crouched in his shallow foxhole, M16 rifle at the ready, an anti-tank rocket launcher tucked under his arm, and a large bullet hole in his head.

Lieutenant Nguyen Duu Tinh, 29, a company commander, offered a visitor a C-ration can of the hot tea that South Vietnamese soldiers drink to keep cool in the field.

He said he thought most of the people in South Vietnam wanted peace: "I think most people in North Vietnam, they want peace, too. Except some people, some Communists. They don't want peace."

Did he think the U.S. decision to mine Halphong Harbour would accomplish its purpose, to cut off supplies of war material to North Vietnam?

"Don't know," said Lt. Tinh, picking at a rip in his fatigues pants. "I think they have many supplies in Laos and Cambodia."

With deep sorrow we announce the death of

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The funeral will leave today, May 15, 1972, at 1 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery.

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on May 12, 1972

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Dr. JULIUS DOHANY

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THE BEREAVED FAMILY

Salute to Israel on Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK (AP). — The Starfar was blown to signal the start of the "Salute to Israel" parade, held yesterday to commemorate Israel's 24th anniversary.

Along the Fifth Avenue route, hundreds of flags fluttered, as onlookers cheered. Even presidential cars promoted their waves with cars decorated with the Star of David.

Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, brought greetings: "We salute you, as you are saluting us."

He said this past year saw the "gates of the Soviet Union open for courageous Jews to leave" and he said he hoped that next year would bring more immigration, a strengthened cease-fire, and an even better relationship between the U.S. and Israel.

Mass riots are expected U.S. RETURNS OKINAWA

Naha, Okinawa. — A million people of the Ryukyuu Islands in the Pacific became Japanese citizens again today after 27 years of American control, but face an anxious and uncertain future.

The Ryukyus, including Okinawa, where most of the population lives, were captured by U.S. troops near the end of World War II. They formally became Japanese territory at midnight yesterday.

However, the American presence will continue to dominate Okinawa, where 42,000 troops man 82 military facilities now used mainly for logistics and intelligence operations.

Recent demonstrations against the Japanese government's decision to let the U.S. bases remain are expected later today on Okinawa and throughout Japan, where 50,000 riot police will be on the alert.

A volatile subject is the nuclear weapons which were widely assumed to have once been kept on Okinawa. U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers has sent a letter to Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda which implied, but did not state categorically, that Okinawa does not now have nuclear weapons.

The Japanese had hoped Mr. Rogers would say directly there are no nuclear weapons on Okinawa.

The Okinawans are thus upset over the continued presence of the 42,000 American troops, as well as oppression rate of dollars into yen.

Okinawans have been allowed to convert their dollar savings into yen at the old rate of 360 to the dollar, but any money earned from now on will be converted at a rate of 105 to the dollar.

Okinawa was the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting of World War II in a 90-day period from April to June in 1945, in the closing months of the Pacific war.

(Reuters, UPI)

A Swedish girl seeks her relatives named

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A GUEST OF GENERAL AMIN

NUMBER 10, Prince Charles Drive, is a large but unobtrusive villa set back from the road in a quiet suburb of Kampala. Usually there are just two soldiers on guard at the gate with a machine-gun propped innocently by a sentry-box. It is from this house — known as the Command Post — that General Idi Amin runs Uganda. Here, nearly 18 months ago, I first met General Amin after his military coup, and it was again at this villa last week that the General and I settled down to lunch and a two-hour conversation which led eventually to my detention for some 50 hours and an extraordinary furore over a newspaper article which had never been published.



Gen. Idi Amin

MARTIN MEREDITH, Central African Correspondent for "The Observer," was arrested and interrogated for two days in Uganda last week. This is his story.

The meeting, arranged by the General who wanted to meet a representative of "The Observer," which had printed several critical reports on Uganda, began suspiciously. At midday that day one of the General's four wives (he is a Muslim) had given birth to a son, and he was in a good mood. The General invited me to have lunch with him saying that "when people eat together it means they are friends."

Predictions were aroused, that I began to be followed by the Special Branch; certainly during the next day I was trailed, as I later discovered, and reports were made about the people I met.

The following day I received a telephone call saying that the General wanted to see me again after lunch, this time at the President's office in the centre of Kampala. I went there, and waited in the visitors' lounge for a while, expecting that Amin might want to make some new pronouncement, as he is wont to do.

Pope Paul

During our conversations he covered most major issues in Uganda, concentrating on the work of the Commission of inquiry investigating the disappearance of two Americans last year, the expulsion of the Israeli advisers, the state of the Army and reports of Army indiscipline, tribal massacres and heavy military expenditure.

As I was shown into his spacious office it quickly became obvious that this was to be no ordinary interview: the General was seated in an armchair surrounded by his entire Cabinet, plus the Commissioner of Police and a judge. A huge portrait of Pope Paul, smiling benevolently down from a wall, completed the scene. I sat down in a large, comfortable armchair, the only one vacant.

Disagreeable

General Amin denied many of my suggestions, but it must have become apparent to him at that time that from my point of view the meeting was not arranged just to floss over the most disagreeable aspects of his regime.

The General opened the conversation by asking me what I knew about Tanzania. I replied that I had not been to Tanzania for some months and was not up to date on recent events there. He asked what I knew about the activities of Ugandan refugees in Tanzania (where the former President of Uganda, Dr. Milton Obote, and his followers are living). I answered that he probably knew more than I did.

Critical reports

On Friday night (May 5) I walked to the cable office in Kampala from my hotel to file my report to "The Observer," still unaware that I was being followed by the Special Branch. The report was immediately picked up and copied. It arrived at "The Observer" on Saturday, too late for publication.

Some foreign correspondents, when filing critical report on "difficult" countries (particularly military regimes) prefer to leave for another place before they cable; but

I have always considered that where this obviously is not essential it is more open to write from the country itself. In any case, I was to some extent lulled into a false sense of security by General Amin's assurance conveyed to "The Observer" that during my visit I would be properly safeguarded.

Nothing unusual happened until I was at Entebbe International airport last Sunday about to board an aircraft for Nairobi. An immigration officer stopped me and said that the President wanted to speak to me on the telephone. I went to his office but there seemed to be some delay. A few minutes later, four men in plain clothes arrived and told me that the President wanted to see me in Kampala, some 20 miles away. Knowing of Amin's sudden whimsy, I thought this might conceivably be the case, but bearing in mind the murder of the American journalist, Nicholas Stroth, currently under investigation by a judicial Commission of Inquiry, I was distinctly apprehensive. There seemed to be no option about it, but I managed to pass a message to a passenger leaving on the aircraft for Nairobi.

Unnerving

After a slightly unnerving experience when the car drove up alongside the roadside to Kampala and the driver got out (to relieve himself) we arrived at the President's office. On the way, however, by an extraordinary coincidence, while the Special Branch men were mending a puncture near the centre of Kampala, a secretary at the British High Commission spotted me standing disconsolately by the car. Realizing something was wrong, she came up and asked me casually whether I was in a hurry. I said I was on my way to see the President, and asked her to tell the British High Commission that I was "back in town." Word had reached the outside world.

At the President's office I was asked to wait while a senior Special Branch officer went in to see the President. He returned looking decidedly less pleasant and said that he had "other instructions." I was

taken to the Special Branch headquarters, stripped, searched and questioned for seven hours. Documents, money, passport and other items were confiscated. I spent the night lying on bare boards in an unlighted basement cell in the central police station, listening to the sound of trucks moving outside and the shouts and laughter of police.

Interrogated

This treatment, I think, was probably more of an oversight than a deliberate intention, as the Special Branch, harassed by Amin, had little time to think of my comfort. When I complained the next day I was given food, a mattress and blankets. For 12 hours that day I was interrogated at Special Branch headquarters about my contacts and sources of information. At first I mentioned only the names of a few people whom I knew that the Government would already be aware of; but it soon became obvious that the Special Branch had been watching my movements and noted all the people I had met.

My interrogators were curiously detached about the whole affair, in vivid contrast to the orders which were coming down from General Amin, angered by the content of my report. They remained amiable and courteous, and appeared anxious to get the whole thing over with. The excuse for this was a telephone directory found in my luggage which a friend telephoning from Nairobi had asked me to pick up just as I was leaving my hotel room. On Tuesday I was produced in court, charged with theft, and given a caution. The General, though, was far from satisfied and a stream of abuse has since come from his office. This reflected more his own fury than any hostility from the Uganda people, who have always been courteous and friendly.

On arrival at Nairobi, while collecting a message at the airport's information desk, and Africa sidled up to me and whispered: "I am a friend from Kampala."

"No thanks," I replied, "I have enough friends in Kampala."



Hostesses and guests jumped to their death from the cabaret on the seventh floor of this department store in Osaka, western Japan; when the building caught fire on Saturday, killing 116 and injuring 42. (AP radiophoto)

116 KILLED IN JAPANESE FIRE

OSAKA, Japan (Reuters). — Scores of scantily-clad hostesses and customers plunged to their death last night when fire engulfed a rooftop cabaret club here killing 116 people. The Osaka fire department said a discarded cigarette butt or construction work in the seven-story building may have started the blaze, believed to be the worst in Japan since the war.

A doctor treating victims said the scene was like a plane crash with broken bodies everywhere. Some of the victims who fled from the flames died in a panic dash to use two canvas escape chutes. Survivors said they had no warning of the fire until smoke suddenly gushed into the darkened cabaret just before closing time.

The department store occupying the first five floors was almost deserted.

Panic-stricken hostesses and customers stamped through the smoke and flames, many of them falling dead before they could reach an exit. Others frantically smashed windows and leapt to their deaths. Eye-witnesses watched helplessly as girls and men clung to window ledges on the seventh floor before crashing to the road below.

Police said the death toll may rise because some of the 42 injured were in serious condition.

A stream of weeping relatives tried to identify the crushed and charred bodies laid out at a nearby Buddhist temple.

Another 49 people escaped unhurt down fire brigade ladders as the blaze, which started on the third floor of the Sennichi department store building, swept without warning into the darkened seventh-floor cabaret.

METEORITE HITS MOON

SPACE CENTRE, Houston (UPI). — A meteorite hit the moon Saturday with the force of 100,000 tons of TNT, digging a large crater and perhaps unblocking secrets of the inner interior, a U.S. Space Agency scientist said.

The force of the impact triggered signals lasting over three hours, the meteorite landed "uncomfortably close" to a seismic station left by the Apollo 14 astronauts in 1971 in the Fra Mauro region.

The collision was a rare event and may have sent vibrations ringing through the entire moon, said Dr. Gary Latham of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

'Jews must find the middle road'

CLEVELAND. (UPI) — The newly elected President of the American Jewish Congress on Saturday called on American Jews to find a middle course that would include concern for both the universal values of human rights and the particular needs of Jewish survival.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg told 500 delegates to the organization's national biennial convention here that "We Jews dare not overreact by succumbing to the obnoxious tendency to turn our backs on the world and involve ourselves only with immediate Jewish interests," he said.

Nerve-shattering weeks for Bundestag

HOW, at the second time of asking, did the Bundestag come to shy at the time of decision for Chancellor Willy Brandt's coalition Government, composed of Social Democrats and a small group of Free Democrats, the race-course was always intimidating. The Government, plagued by Free Democrat defections, has a majority which is never more than two and sometimes less. The Christian Democrat opposition, led by Rainer Barzel, was threatening to vote against ratification, and nobody could be entirely certain that with the aid of defectors Barzel might not defeat the motion.

The West German Government last week postponed, for the second time, the final vote in the Bundestag on the ratification of treaties with Moscow and Warsaw. Now the day of

decision has been set for Wednesday this week. NEIL ASCHERSON of "The Observer" reports why "once again the assembled Bundestag deputies, the press men who had flown in from

every country of Europe and the millions of Germans preparing to watch the great decision live on their television screens, went to bed jittering with undischarged adrenalin."

treaties against the party whip — that he gave up and accepted a second postponement. It was also partly to give emotion time to cool, so that Barzel could get himself off the hook and persuade his right wing to accept the joint declaration and deliver a heavy majority for the treaties. It was indirectly to do with Vietnam: with President Richard Nixon's visit to Moscow now uncertain, the urgency to get ratification through in advance has lessened.

The first delay, at the beginning of May, sought time for the drafting of a joint inter-party declaration on the treaties. In the following days the leaders of the parties worked themselves to exhaustion in the effort to unite their followers on a common text which would allow the opposition to give their assent.

By last Tuesday the outlook was good. At noon, a final meeting in the Chancellor's home revised the declaration's text. It was a sign of their anxiety that the Soviet Ambassador sat in at this meeting. In the afternoon, the deputies tramped off to what they hoped would be the final Party meetings to accept the text. And then, quite suddenly, something came loose.

Men with ragged nerves shouted that this was Russian interference, that the Government was submitting to Soviet threats and betraying its midday agreement. Barzel collapsed into furious bewilderment. He could see no way out, he said. The declaration seemed to be in ruins.

The debate broke off, for the second time in the day. The deputies, many of whom have lost pounds in weight these last weeks, swarmed into the restaurant. Worried about their nerves and ulcers, they bought 200 litres of milk in the first two hours of the recess. Party barriers seemed to have broken down: Social Democrat and Christian Democrat slipped and conferred at the same table.

Barzel knows only too well that a defeat of the treaties would not only be an international disaster, but a domestic liability to the Christian Democrats: opinion polls suggest that 71 per cent of the population expect a political crisis with Eastern Europe and Russia, if ratification fails, and 72 per cent consider that the treaties will help to keep the peace. But his own right-wingers, and part of the Bavarian section of the party led by Franz Josef Strauss, were determined either to block treaties or to insist on a declaration which would rob them of their central meaning: that West Germany accepts the Polish frontier and the existence as a State of East Germany.

In the late afternoon, the Soviet Government raised queries about the draft declaration. Their worries centred on a phrase which said that the treaties "did not form a legal basis for the currently existing frontiers." This might be read as a deception of the Poles, for whom the Warsaw treaty amounts to full recognition of their new Western border on the Oder and Neisse rivers. The Russians asked for clarification although they threatened no veto. But in the Christian Democrat committee room, where Barzel was bringing his weary mutineers around to accepting the text, there was an

Deception

Next day's debate, which was intended to culminate in the final vote, began quietly and then built up into a frightened peevish series of diatribes. The opposition motion was defeated, but on a tied vote of 259 to 259, which did not improve the Government's confidence. Chancellor Brandt, hoarse but majestic, spoke of the historic importance of the treaties and insisted that the joint declaration still stood as agreed, that the Soviet Union would not reject it.

Dismissed

Brandt and Barzel retired to a room by themselves and from there, around six o'clock, came the news: another postponement. The deputies came back to the Chamber, were ceremoniously dismissed for a week, and trickled out into the rainy evening.

Barzel protested that nothing was clear, that he had lost confidence in the Government, that more time was needed: "We punish truck-drivers and pilots for working beyond their hours." And the politicians had been overworked beyond their capacity to take a coherent decision.

Walter Scheel, the Foreign Minister, produced a letter to Barzel in which he had told him that the text had now been cleared with the Russians, and affirmed that the Polish frontiers were permanent as far as the Federal Republic existed. He accused Barzel of "wfully taking sentences from the letter out

of context." Barzel slammed out of the Chamber, calmed himself over a glass of Schnapps in his room, and came back. Brandt, his face swollen and flushed with anxiety, beseeched the opposition to make no more delays, but offered to meet Barzel once more in a recess.

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THE BOOK BEHIND THE OSCAR WINNER

THE recent Oscar awarded to De Sica's film "The Garden of the Finzi-Continis" as the best foreign film of 1971 marks the climax of Giorgio Bassani's career as a novelist. The film, based on his novel by the same title, has met with immediate success in the United States and has left its mark on hundreds of thousands of viewers in that country, who, for the first time, came in contact with this outstanding novelist's fiction on the screen.

Even though the novel has been translated into several languages, including Hebrew and English, from the original Italian, it had not enjoyed a massive circulation in the United States and was therefore not well known by the average American reader. This, however, was not the case in Italy, where the novel was awarded the Viareggio Prize for literature in the year of its publication (1962) amidst wide acclaim by the reading public. Since then it has already seen its tenth reprinting.

Born in Bologna, in 1916, of an Italian Jewish family, Bassani narrates the story of an aristocratic Italian Jewish family in the northern Italian town of Ferrara from the years preceding World War II until the Holocaust. The events concerning the novel's characters are closely related to the author's own biographical experience of those years. Bassani knew first hand about racial discrimination practised in Italy during the last years



Giorgio Bassani

of the Fascist regime. Gradually excluded from the normal patterns of daily life by the introduction of racial laws, he was arrested in May 1943 for "anti-fascist activities," and jailed until July of that same year. Upon his release, he became immediately active in the Resistance movement.

Since all these events (except for the Resistance) have been transposed in his novel, the book reflects the history of this troubled period, yet it cannot be defined as a historical novel in the traditional sense of the definition. Here history stands in the background simply because dry historical accounts are meaningless for Bassani, and must

be transformed in "living" history, i.e.: the experiences of people who have directly lived the historical events.

"The Garden of the Finzi-Continis" is above all a human story in so far as the author makes no attempt to give his characters larger than life dimensions. Bassani focuses on the microcosm of Ferrara's Jewish community with singular intensity and abundance of descriptive detail, as he outlines the peculiarity of its traditions, its language and rituals. Against this background stands out, in lonely aristocratic disdain, the Finzi-Continis family which is doubly detached from the world in its isolation, first from the more immediate Jewish circle, and then from the rest of society at large.

The narrator in the novel, presumably Bassani himself, comes in contact with this family through his tormented love for Micol Finzi-Continis. Their relationship is never fulfilled at first due to Micol's lack of response (she thoroughly enjoys her role as a spoiled aristocratic young woman), and then to the historical events that so abruptly overtook the community.

As the siege of persecutions and discrimination tightens around the Finzi-Continis, we would expect that the social gap between them and the rest of the community would narrow in their common misery, but it really has the opposite effect. It is as if the Finzi-Continis had been awaiting this tragic sign of their destiny for a long time, and their aristocratic pride had consisted only in their leading the way, undaunted, to the eventual tragedy. They were finally arrested and deported to Germany and were never heard of again.

In a meeting with students and professors in New York, in 1966, Bassani was asked whether the characters in the story really existed or whether their identities were fictional. The question was superfluous but Bassani answered it with Flaubert's famous assertion about Madame Bovary's identity: "Madame Bovary c'est moi."

"The Garden of the Finzi-Continis," Bassani's classic, may well be on the way to becoming a classic of the 20th Century.

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THE EFFECTS ON THE MIND OF AN ATOM BOMB

DEATH IN LIFE: THE SURVIVORS OF HIROSHIMA by Robert Jay Lifton. Penguin Paperbacks, Middlesex, England, First Published in USA in 1967 by Random House. 573 pages. With appendix and index.

Reviewed by
Robert Slater

FOR reasons that become only vaguely clear in this book, Robert Jay Lifton thought it important for an American psychologist to probe the inner psyches of the Hibakusha, the survivors of the atom bomb that fell on Hiroshima. A good part of this richly-researched volume formulates the responses of the victims into psychological terms. For example, we learn that A-bomb victims were likely to associate even the mildest everyday injury or sickness with possible radiation effects. Beyond this, anything the victim linked to radiation immediately became associated with death.

But the question lingering in my mind as I read these immensely interesting revelations was: what was the good of this research? Was it worth intruding upon these people's lives once more (first the bomb, then the follow-up interviews) just to discover that people who had suffered sudden shocks have some interesting psychological responses? Taken as a whole the book offers little in the way of information that would appear to be of use in a medical dimension.

To be fair to Lifton, he does not tell us, in his final chapter, that survivors suffer from what he calls "impaired formulation" and this may be a direct result of grief and mourning, not necessarily the A-bomb. But there are few other actual practical conclusions that he draws from the several hundred interviews he conducted.

The final chapter produces some interesting comparisons between the survivors of the Hiroshima experience and the Nazi Holocaust. There is one striking parallel between the effect of "psychic numbing" Lifton found among A-bomb victims and

the same type of "closing off" of reality which Bettelheim and others discovered with reference to Holocaust victims. By blotting out the possible encounter with death, the victim attempts to protect himself from the reality he sees about him. "I became insensitive to death," says one Hibakusha.

Books that deal with academic research should not be judged in the same terms of a piece of escapist non-fiction. Still, there was something sad about the whole thrust of this research effort. The bitter irony of an American psychiatrist retracing the flight of his fellow countrymen which brought mass death to a Japanese city, left the most lasting impression in my mind. The result of Lifton's research somehow got lost in the mental shuffle.

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by Reuven Alcalay 578 p.p.
Volume III, 1971. Ramat Gan, Massada. 60pp. No price listed.

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TUVINIANS HAVE A LITERATURE

THE appearance of the final volume of a major historical trilogy marks an important event in the history of one of the world's youngest literatures, that of the Tuvinians people of Soviet Central Asia.

The first volume of "The Words of an Arat (Herdsman)" by Salchak Toka was published in 1951; the final volume has just appeared. The work has been translated into English, German, Hungarian and Polish.

Before the 1918 Revolution, the Tuvinians, a Turbic people, did not have a written language. But today their literature is part of a flourishing cultural movement that dates back to the 1930s.

Kyzyl, the Capital of the Tuva Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic, is the heart of a network of cultural centres, libraries and village clubs. The Tuva ASSR, which lies north of Mongolia in the upper basin of the Yenisey River, is part of the Russian Federal Republic. Some 15 newspapers and magazines are published in Tuva which covers 170,000 square kilometres and has a population of 230,000.

As well as Salchak Toka, the Tuvinians have produced other talented writers, poets and playwrights such as Oleg Sagan-ool and

the young novelists Kudaj, Derjas and Sitruin-ool, whose works have been translated into Russian and other languages of the Soviet Union. (Unesco Features)

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OLYMPIC FROLICS

LONDON (AP) — WHEN thousands of men and women from all over the world get together — in the peak of physical condition and with every nerve and emotion stretched to the utmost — anything can happen. And it usually does. Sex, crime, dope, drama, heart-breaks and hilarity. It's all there at the Olympics.

Anything can happen at the Olympic Games when so many athletes from around the world get together. Munich will be no exception. In this article Ian Brown recalls some of the more unusual stories that have made headlines in previous Olympiads.

It at all funny and binned him for 10 years. Given in Roman times, the Games were providing good stories. Apparently Nero, as well as being a fiddler of note, fancied himself as a chariot driver and entered the Olympics. He bribed officials with offers of Roman citizenship if they let him win. The result was that when Nero was thrown from his chariot on the first lap, the race was stopped so that he could be helped aboard again.

Then there was the special team of fleet-footed dog catchers hastily mustered because so many dogs were tripping up the marathon runners. And how about the British solicitor, a member of the fencing team who, taking a leaf from the book of the excessively polite Japanese, threw the judge an elaborate salute. It was so elaborate he pulled a muscle and had to withdraw from the event.

disappeared back into the crowd with officials chasing him. But the Tokyo Olympics provided the best piece of enterprise. A Japanese couple made the glittering opening ceremony part of their wedding. They arranged things so that they would be pronounced man and wife just in time to be greeted by the opening fanfare and a flock of doves. Perhaps the biggest "hard luck" story of the Olympics belongs to Dutch Guinea entrant Wim Essajas at Rome in 1960. On the day of his big race, he had a light breakfast in bed then sauntered down to the television room to keep his mind off the event later in the day. When he switched on the set, he found to his horror that he was watching the start of his race. Unknown to him, the starting time had been changed.

This was the year, too, in which Australian swimmer Dawn Fraser was in trouble over her swimsuit. She found the official swimsuit too tight and wore a looser garment which turned out to be too revealing. Dawn, the only girl to win gold medals at three successive Olympiads, was suspended from competitive swimming for 10 years after stories that she had had an illicit swim in the moat of the Emperor's palace and removed a flag from the imperial grounds. But she said later: "All I did wrong at Tokyo was to march in the opening ceremony against orders and to wear the wrong swimsuit in my race."

'Just for a laugh'
In the 1904 Games at St. Louis in the United States (that was when the song "Meet me in St. Louis, Louis" was composed) Fred Lorz was the great American hope in the marathon. But "early in the race, he took cramp and hitched a lift in a following car. A few miles from the stadium, the car broke down and Lorz, now fully recovered, decided to run the rest of the way. Unfortunately, he was mistaken for the marathon leader and was cheered all the way. Lorz played up to it, trotted into the stadium, and broke the tape to thunderous cheers. "I only did it for a laugh," Lorz told officials later. But they didn't think

Spectator enterprise
Olympics spectators usually show plenty of enterprise. At Helsinki in 1952 someone stole the numbers on the basketball scoreboard and no score was shown for the first 10 minutes of the Brazil-Chile game until a new set was found. At Rome in 1960, the first win of the Games was recorded by an unknown runner who lapped the track, acknowledged the cheers and then

Trial of Black Revolutionary in second month 'FREE ANGELA' MOVES BOOST U.S. COMMUNISTS

By CHARLES FOLEY
A trial of American black revolutionary Angela Davis moves into its second month, the political infighting behind the scenes is becoming increasingly strident. Both sides are aware that more than Miss Davis's future is at stake in this clash of ideologies.

The U.S. Communist Party has claimed credit for everything that is being done to "Free Angela." But if the U.S.C.P. has turned Miss Davis into a latter-day Joan of Arc, she has done wonders for the fortunes of the ruling party.

"In the former villa of a Cuban sugar millionaire." One of Fidel's first questions was "an earnest inquiry" for the health and condition of Angela Davis. Touring the waterfront at Havana, Hall was surrounded by cheering dockers, who cried, "Viva Angela!" Then it was Hanoi for Mr. Hall and more "exhilarating moments" toasting Angela with the workers.



Angela Davis — latter-day Joan of Arc

Party spokesmen say they didn't believe that, in the time available to them, they could gather the necessary 36,000 signatures to put Gus Hall, the Party's general secretary, on the ballot as a presidential candidate. But petitioners in the streets soon found that wearing an Angela Davis button, or asking people to "sign for Angela Davis's Party" brought an enthusiastic response, especially from blacks. The campaigners had their signatures well before the deadline. As "People's World," the official party organ in the U.S. put it: "Mention of Angela Davis immediately underlined the connection between the C.P. and the issues."

Mr. McAfee, also a Communist, says he will receive some \$100,000 from his 170 scheduled appearances, but will donate a slice of his earnings to "Marxist educational groups."

Miss Davis was dismissed before the Marin County courthouse shooting, in connection with which she is now on trial, and the A.A.U.P. did point out that its action related solely to her hiring and firing. But the move, coming as it does at the height of her courtroom struggle, will have political overtones for many, not least the regents themselves, who have already slammed the A.A.U.P.'s "inordinate preoccupation" with the Davis case, "while ignoring many genuine threats to academic freedom."

Not only Communists

But Miss Davis's supporters are, of course, not confined to the established Communist camp. Only last week, the American Association of University Professors, finally got around to censuring Governor Ronald Reagan's University of California regents for firing Miss Davis from her teaching job almost two years ago. Delegates at the A.A.U.P.'s annual meeting voted without dissent to support a statement tiding off the regents for "infractions of academic freedom" — which means

drive for funds and the American system of innocent-until-proven-guilty justice. The book's author, U.S.I.A. Assistant General Francis S. Ruddy, is off on a tour of Africa to explain that Angela, whatever the Soviet Union may say, is indeed getting fair treatment in the U.S. He will follow in the footsteps of the numerous speakers who have toured dozens of countries under the aegis of N.U.C.P.A.D. (The National United Committee to Free Angela Davis). One of the most ardent campaigners is Miss Davis's younger sister Pania Jordan, who made the African rounds last year, and even turned the birth of her first daughter to propaganda ends — she named the child "Angela Libre."

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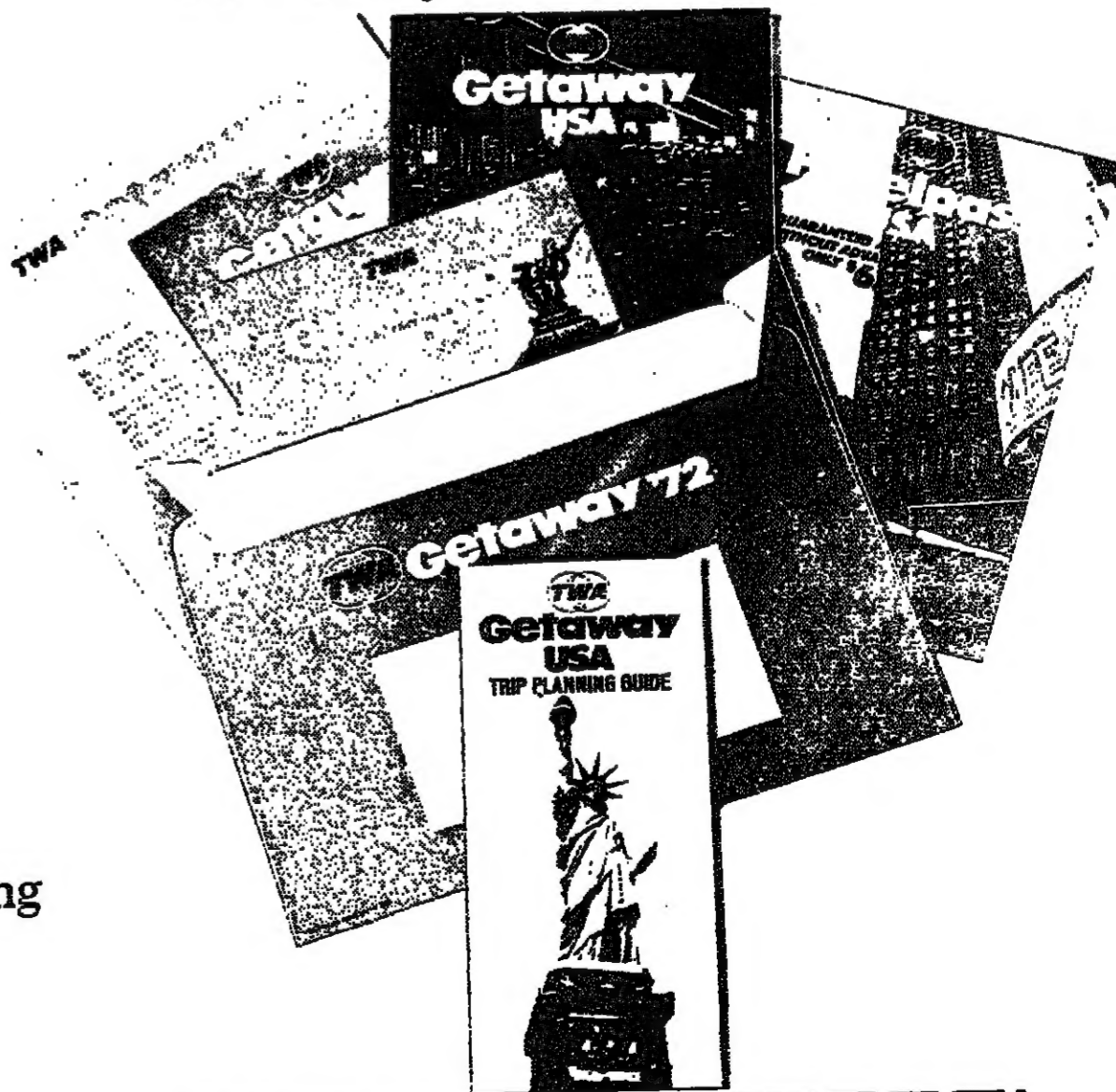
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Wheelchair hoopsters succeed in U.S. tour

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — The wheelchair basketball team of Ben's Spewack sports centre for the handicapped here returned home last week at the end of a North American tour which was both a sporting and commercial success. So much so, that they received an invitation to pay a return visit there next year. Under the Captaincy of Jerusalem lawyer Israel Giobus, 30, the squad won nine of their eleven games and lost the remaining two, on what was Spewack's first overseas trip (it was also the first visit to the U.S. and Canada of a wheelchair sports team from outside the American continent). The three-week tour was organized by the U.S. Wheelchair Sports Fund — whose chairman, Ben Lipson, initiated the project — together with the Canadian Wheelchair Athletics Association. "More than 35,000 people paid to watch our series of matches in North-East America and Canada, enabling our hosts to recoup all their very considerable expenses," delegation leader Moshe Rashkes, director of the Spewack centre, said on Friday. The 10-man team, most of whose members are polo victims, received extensive television and press coverage, and were feted at civic

receptions wherever they went. During their three days in Chicago, they were "adopted" by the local sheriff, with police cars looking after their transport needs and taking them on tours of the city. A sentimental occasion was greeted together in New York with the well-known playwright Bella Spewack, who, with her late husband Sam, provided Ben with the funds for the erection, twelve years ago, of the sports centre which bears their name. During the trip, the Israelis also met three more of the club's major benefactors, Herman Potzner and Alexander Recodin, of New York, and Geraldine Goodbaum, of Toronto. Leading scorer for the tourists, with 191 points, was Baruch Hagal, a 28-year-old craftsman and the country's top handicapped all-round sportsman. Following well behind, on 102 points, was Moshe Levy, at 19 the "baby" of the squad. The trip was an excellent warm-up for August's fourth Paralympic Olympics at Heidelberg, West Germany, at which more or less the same players — supplemented by several disabled war veterans — will comprise Israel's basketball team. The hoopsters will be defending the basketball gold medal won by Israel at the third "wheelchair Olympics," held at the Spewack centre four years ago.

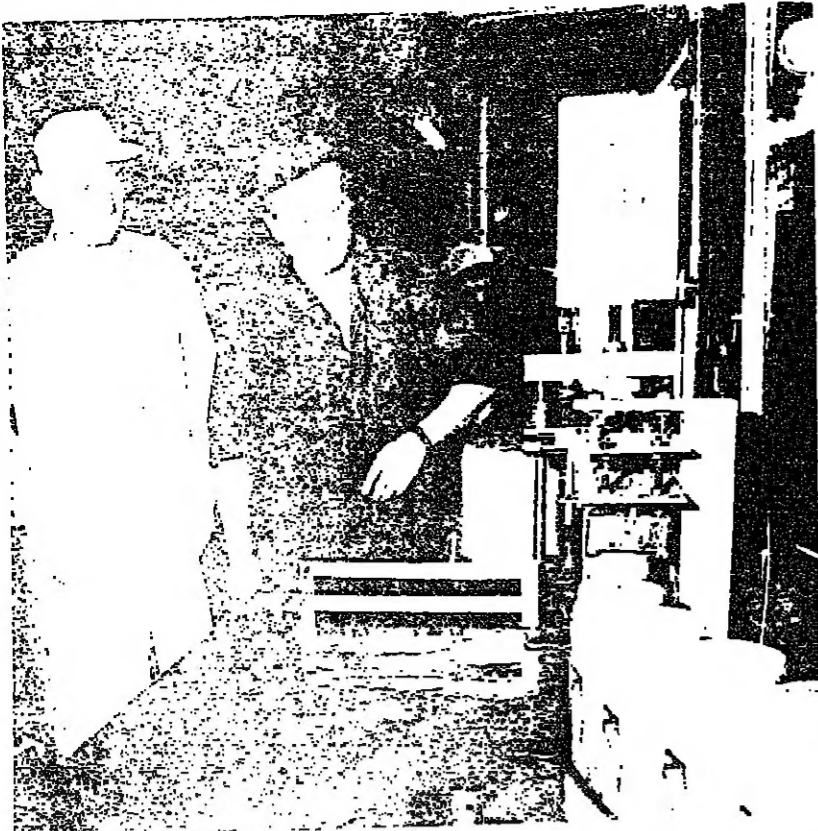
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CAN FIRM FEELS THE PRICE CONTROL PINCH



With the threat of a canning industry strike hanging over them, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev was shown round a canning and bottling factory by an employee at the end of last week. (Heta)

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

A circular sent recently by the Israel Can Company to its customers illustrates the difficulties faced by industry under the current price control.

The I.C.C. gave notice that it intended to discontinue production of several standard items — including 12 cans which are the staple package of citrus concentrates, the 4 gallon cans which are used for packing olives and paints, and the 9 litre cans which are used for packing cucumbers.

The company said it would carry out the orders still standing but would refuse to accept new ones, because the prices it is allowed to quote for those items do not cover their costs. The loss margin involved in their production ranged between seven per cent and 18 per cent last year, and may be bigger in 1972, in spite of the 6.5 per cent (average) price hike which was applied after the last devaluation.

According to Mr. Avraham Lev — the I.C.C. general manager — the company's proceeds on the above items lagged behind costs by IL2.2m. last year. He — and the rest of

Business and Finance

the I.C.C. shareholders — are not willing to continue to operate in the red, even though that may involve closing down some of the plant's production lines and dismissals of part of the labour force.

While the circular must have come as a shock to I.C.C.'s customers, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry was long aware of the situation. Price controls were imposed in a general way as an emergency measure last August, but I.C.C. had been subject to them before that because it supplies over 50 per cent of the country's can consumption, and is therefore included in the list of monopoly producers.

Package deal

The matter was of little concern as long as the cost and price level stayed stable, but after the 1970 package deal plus import surcharge the company began to feel the pinch. Early in 1971 it suggested to the Ministry a recalculation of its prices, intended to maintain overall profitability by raising prices of staple products, while offsetting that by price cuts for sundries.

The proposal was rejected, perhaps because the Ministry did not want to affect the price of cans used for exports (which account for most of the staple items) for the benefit of local users (who buy the sundry products). Eventually, a 26 per cent (average) price hike was approved a year ago but this turned out to be not enough, causing things now to come to a head.

What will be the outcome of I.C.C.'s step is not yet clear. For the time being the factory is working at full capacity, and its spacious stores are full of cans which its customers prefer to leave with it for lack of own storage facilities. However, as time goes on these stocks will be used up.

Owing to the company's dominating position in local can production, sufficient alternative supplies are unlikely to be available — the less so as the other producers must adopt a similar policy (indeed some are said to have been refusing unprofitable orders for a long time). Cans can be imported, but this is impractical in substantial quantities, quite apart from the inconvenience and the added costs involved. What puts the company in a strong bargaining position is the fact that the indirect effects of its move — on other industries and on the economy at large — by far exceed the eventual loss which I.C.C. may incur owing to smaller business volume. It is the first time that price control is facing a real test, that the price administration is confronted not with protests but with economic facts. And the monopoly position of I.C.C. in this case does not make the problem easier to solve.

On the other hand, the company can be recalcitrant because it does not stand to lose much. I.C.C. is not an "approved enterprise," and

must therefore earn high profits in order to make production and investments worth while. Last year, in spite of a 25 per cent increase of output in physical terms (and the above price hike) its operating profit was smaller than in 1970. In the current year it expects just to break even. Its current investments — even. Its current investments — will have been largely financed by the cash flow of its fixed assets (which amount to IL60m. at replacement value, and to IL32m. after depreciation), while its ambitious expansion programme has been shelved for the time being. Though the I.C.C. plant is highly mechanized, and its "open top" division — producing the standard types of cans — operates five completely automatic lines — materials account for about 60 per cent of the cost of sundry ("general") items, and for 75 per cent of standard types, so that overheads are not of decisive importance.

Israel Can Company traces its history back to a mechanical workshop established by Ya'akov Lev and Sons in Jaffa in 1926, and to the Palestine subsidiary of the British Metal Box Company, which merged in 1949. Subsequent capital increases have changed the ownership structure so that now 80 per cent of the company's capital (paid up IL12m.) is divided between Mr. A. Lev, Metal Box Company, and D.A.H.E. Ltd. (on behalf of Elern Investment and Elgar Investment companies), with another 14 per cent held by the P.B.C. (of the Discount Bank group).

The company's present plant in Petah Tikva extends over a floor area of 33,000 sq.m., and includes divisions for "open top" and "general" metal cans, as well as for plastic packages, a tin printing division, a modern mechanical workshop, and a packaging development laboratory.

IL70m. turnover

Last year's turnover amounted to IL67m., and is expected to reach IL70m. this year. The company has been distributing 9 per cent cash dividends, and is about to give a 30 per cent share bonus based on appreciation of assets.

One may argue that shareholders should be satisfied with such results, but one must keep in mind that current operating profits are no longer enough to maintain these dividends, and that the dividend's actual worth for I.C.C.'s foreign shareholders has been reduced by the last devaluation. What is particularly galling to them is the fact that exporters — who purchase about three quarters of the I.C.C. output — benefited from the devaluation, while price control denies the company this advantage. And having developed a modern and efficient factory, the company insists on its right to get for its products a price fixed by market forces, and not by controllers.

THIS WEEK'S MIFAL HAPAYIS draw will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m., instead of on Thursday, because of the Shavuot holiday.

SUPERMART STORES throughout the country will be offering frozen chickens at reduced prices for a two-week period. The price per kilo will be IL3.35, 17 ag. less than that recommended by the Poultry Board.

Railways are the answer

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I would like to refer to the report on "Containers and congestion in Israel's major ports" in your issue of April 29. One means of solving the problem implicit in the container revolution seems to have been overlooked, namely the railways. They are ideally suited for this sort of traffic, having their private road and suitable equipment. The transport of containers by rail would avoid both congestion in port areas and increased congestion of interurban transportation on our clogged roads.

At present we have at our disposal a fleet of rolling stock capable of transporting 50,000 containers annually; this fleet can be expanded at short notice by conversion of existing rolling stock. The problem seems to be that efficient operation of a container transport system requires a great deal of co-ordination, rather than the present individualistic approach.

If we wish to avoid clogging port areas and increasing road hazards, investments in infrastructure, handling equipment, stacking areas, etc. would have to be made with a view of getting those huge metal boxes on rails. Only if the basic concept of getting the container on rails is applied to all activities connected with container handling, can the available transportation potential of the railways be used.

We must remember that a single train can move 50 full 20-foot containers expeditiously and without endangering other traffic. We thus have a good chance to avoid further shambles in inter-urban road traffic, which has eventually to be paid for by an increased accident investment in equipment, at a time when the means of transportation on rail are available. **S. INBAL,**
Traffic and Commercial Manager,
Israel Railways
Haifa, May 5.

Readers' letters

'Socialism: root of Israel's troubles'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — You unintentionally hit the nail on the head by discussing editorially at the same time two closely connected issues: "Netvet Nef" and "May Day" (April 30). It is socialism, with its outdated, unrealistic, ambiguous dogmas, concepts and principles, that has created a system which Dr. David Naveh and other honest-thinking citizens blame for the creation of a parasitic and criminal society.

The introduction of the austerity regime, with rationing and controls, in the first years of the State, was an incentive to cheating. Our Marxist-inspired leaders put the government, the trade unions and even the Jewish Agency into business with negative results, such as appointment of managers on the basis of political affiliations and not personal qualifications, sacrifice of national interests on the altar of narrow party patriotism, creation of a new class of bosses who enjoy a high standard of living thanks to expense accounts and foreign travel. Our labour economists transformed enterprises into welfare institutions, with donations to the party and a shower of benefits in the form of overtime without work, professional literature for non-professionals, meal tickets that are easy to cash in, norms and premiums valid only on paper, sick leave used as ordinary leave, etc.

The underpaid worker in a full-time job is forced to seek extra work, thus defying Histadrut regulations, and also cheating the tax authorities. The absurdly high tax rates and the muddled economic

policy with a jungle of privileges and exemptions turn the best citizens into idlers and the Israeli nation into a bunch of crooks (see Ephraim Kishon's "The Maximalists" August 13, 1971).

Most infuriating is the hypocrisy of the real culprits of our society's moral and ethical decadence, who talk about labour values and try to blame others for a state of affairs which results from labour hegemony.

DR. J. WILCZEK

Haifa, May 4.

Insulting to women

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Upon reading your coverage of the events at Lod Airport, we were struck by your physical description of the two female terrorists. We fail to see the significance of attributes such as "pretty" or "unattractive," both of which were used in your front page articles. This casual and unconscious display of sexism detracts from the objectivity of your reporting. We are sure that it would never occur to your reporters to make mention of the physical attractiveness of the male terrorists. One would hope that such a widely-read newspaper as yours would be more careful to avoid comments which are unnecessary and insulting to women.

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The Great Lakes are at last to be cleaned up. An agreement signed in Canada by President Nixon commits Canada and the U.S. to spend \$3,500m. over five years de-polluting the immense lakes — Lake

Erie is twice the size of Jamaica and Lake Ontario is twice the size of Cyprus. In a few years, reports Gemini News Service, game fish could be back in Lake Erie.

Clean-up for Great Lakes

By CLYDE SANGER
CANADIAN and American experts are getting down to the biggest clean-up job ever attempted. This is the resuscitation of the Great Lakes, relics of an inland sea that was led over and then gaged by glacial movements about a million years ago.

During the last half-century this vast freshwater area has been polluted by industrial and domestic waste to such a point that many people now refer to Lake Erie as "dead".

On April 15, during a short visit to Ottawa, President Nixon signed with Prime Minister Trudeau a 30-page document which they called the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. It commits the two countries to spending up to \$3,500 million during the next five years on the clean-up.

The pact was a long time coming. The main delays came from the U.S. side, where eight state governments are involved and arguments have raged about who or what is principally responsible for the mess.

To spur them on, the Canadian federal government and the province of Ontario signed a supporting agreement last August to spend \$250 million on the most damaged area, the two Lower Great Lakes and part of the St. Lawrence River.

These two lakes are immense by themselves. Lake Erie has a surface area twice the size of Jamaica, Lake Ontario is twice the size of Cyprus. The drainage basin of either of them is bigger than the area of Ireland or Sierra Leone. More than 12 million people live around Lake Ontario.

But a report published by the International Joint Commission, a body that tries to settle issues concerning the boundary waters, sounded alarm bells in December 1970.

The worst problem, it said, was the sewage effluent and industrial waste from cities like Detroit and Cleveland that became trapped at the bottom of the shallow waters of Lake Erie during summer months when thermal stratification prevents the waters being churned up vertically.

The waste nourishes the tiny aquatic plants and algae in these waters to the point where the oxygen is badly depleted. This has had an effect upon the whole food-chain: mayflies have become rare, an extra discouragement to several species of fish that fed off them.

Blue pike, whitefish and lake trout are now mostly a memory, and in their place have come the coarser species like carp and catfish.

Pollutants

There have been other pollutants. Mercury from industrial processes which fishes swallow and which then poisons birds who catch the fish. Oil and human excreta from hundreds of cargo vessels and the 250,000 pleasure craft that move through these two lakes every year.

The dumping in open waters of toxic materials and waste dredged up from harbour mouths. The pesticides and herbicides that flow into the waters from farmlands.

But the major concentration of the clean-up campaign has been on the removal of phosphorus, for it is seen as the most controllable



of the nutrients on which the aquatic weeds and algae have thrived. Most of the phosphorus enters the lakes from phosphate detergents, and it was calculated that if the three largest manufacturers of laundry detergents were forced to alter their formulae, this simple measure could eliminate half the phosphorus going into the lakes.

Canada has stuck to that course. It announced a drastic reduction in the maximum amount of phosphorus allowed in detergents with a deadline of December 1972.

Government and private laboratories have been busy testing replacements, and both sodium citrate and sodium nitrilotriacetate (NTA) have been given good marks in Canada.

At first, the U.S. took the same path of pressing manufacturers to cut the phosphates in detergents to the minimum necessary to do heavy-duty cleaning and to switch to NTA beyond that. Then the Surgeon-General put his weight behind fears being expressed that NTA could cause birth-defects and possibly cancer. These fears were later said to be exaggerated.

But while NTA hasn't been cleared for use in the U.S., three individual states — New York, Michigan and Indiana — have imposed regulations on phosphorus similar to those enforced in Canada.

Confusion

The result of this confusion is that the main clean-up effort on the American side is likely to be concentrated on building improved sewage treatment plants. They will be trying to stop the pollutant at the outlet into the lakes, rather than (as Canadians will be doing) at the source.

Expenditure is heavier on the American side, because 90 per cent of the pollution comes from its shores. Washington plans to spend \$1,000 million of federal funds, which

it expects to be matched by \$1,000 million from state and municipal governments, and another \$1,000 million from private industry.

Coordination of all the different levels of government will be the key to success. British success in cleaning up the Thames and other English rivers has been based on consolidating 1,400 separate authorities controlling sewage and rivers into nine bodies.

On May 8 a first meeting was held in Montreal of a board with representatives of the two national governments, eight American states and the province of Ontario whose job it will be to implement the clean-up proposals.

Driving force

The driving force on the Canadian side is Louis Robichaud, who was for 10 years premier of New Brunswick province before becoming co-chairman of the International Joint Commission last year.

The IJC has been a modest organization in its 60-year existence, mainly arranging investigations at the request of the two governments or dealing with minor applications. "Now things are different," says Mr. Robichaud. "I wouldn't have taken this job if I was going to be a mere rubber-stamp."

And certainly the Nixon-Trudeau agreement gave the IJC the power for the first time to publish its own regular reports on any problem of water quality. Previously it submitted reports privately to the governments.

With other newly imposed regulations (presenting holding-tanks for all pleasure craft, stricter rules against mercury and oil discharge, and so on), Louis Robichaud talks confidently of the day when game fish will be back in Lake Erie and the biggest freshwater area in the world will live up to its title — and be fresh.

NEW BATTLE LOOMS OVER FUTURE OF PICCADILLY

By LAURENCE MARKS
LONDON (Omas).

THE latest plan to rebuild London's Piccadilly Circus, once the heart of an Empire, still the symbolic centre of the metropolis, is the sixth in 13 years and it has been received with pretty much the same mixture of sorrow and derision as the previous five.

You cannot please everybody, of course. But the trouble is that most people are confused about whether they want the Circus to be an efficient junction of freeways or a place to loiter in. The planners, hovering maternally over their floodlit toy skyscrapers and their press-button, three-dimensional working models, now on public exhibition, may be feeling that the very concept of the city centre has become unplanable for the time being, especially one with such an accretion of tradition and sentiments as Piccadilly Circus.

The Circus stands at the junction of Piccadilly and Regent Street, both part of the West End shopping area, and Shaftesbury Avenue and the Haymarket, part of the theatre and cinema district. Piccadilly itself gets its unusual name from the piccadilly, a 17th-century stiff collar, once made and sold there.

Nothing to be proud of

Not that the Circus is anything to be proud of now. Intended as the hub of John Nash's magnificent townscapes, linking two royal estates (St. James's Park and Regent's Park), it was the only bit of that early 19th-century comprehensive development never carried out as George IV's architect designed it.

Years of indecision have afflicted it with a rash of honky-tonk establishments — hamburger joints, a strip club, a pin-table saloon — fronting the decayed office blocks at its east end and creeping westwards towards the Victorian recesses of the Criterion Theatre (condemned by the new plan amid wailing from the conservationists) and the imperial grandeur of the buildings leading on to Regent Street and Piccadilly itself.

"Little more than a down-at-heel, neon-lit slum," was how it was described by the chairman of Westminster City Council's planning committee when he introduced the new proposals.

This seediness, however, attracts not only a floating summertime population of young tourists, students and hippies, who camp out on the traffic island around the statue of Eros at its centre, but many more fastidious citizens who find even its present degeneration preferable to the concrete megaliths of the property developers that threaten to replace it.

Irregular shape

It has evolved piecemeal since Nash's day and is not a circus in the architectural sense at all, but a strange irregular shape which Sir Alfred Gilbert, who designed the famous statue, once identified as "a distorted isochromal triangle — an impossible site upon which to place any outcome of the human brain, except possibly an underground laboratory."

The planners have coped with this "horrible shape" by repositioning

Eros at the east end of the Circus, surrounding it by an arc of new offices and hotels, and separating traffic and pedestrians by a system of decks above the road.

There have been three main criticisms of the plan.

First, in order to attract the £100 million of private capital needed for the development, the Government has had to agree to allow the amount of office space on the site to be almost doubled, after tough bargaining with the developers. (The last plan, in 1968, floundered because they had not been allowed enough office space to make it a worth-while investment.) Even the "Financial Times" has described it as "an office-developer's dream." This seems to contradict the Government's policy of encouraging the removal of offices out of central London to reduce the burden on the roads and the public transport system.

Busy junction

Secondly, the already extremely busy road junction, now to be separated from the pedestrian walkways, will be able to carry half as much traffic again as the existing Circus. According to the axiom that urban traffic increases to fill the road-space available to it, a truth which has been demonstrated in almost every major city in the world, this is likely to worsen rather than improve the present congestion.

Thirdly, the character and scale of the new blocks seems inimical to the traditional appeal of an international landmark. Prof. Sir Colin Buchanan, one of Britain's leading theorists of town planning, remarked in his report to Whitehall on the first plan, in 1959: "Piccadilly attracts people from the ends of the earth as it is, and if comprehensive development is to take place then it should be to a standard that really justifies a journey from the ends of the earth."

For their part, the planners reply that another 1,200 office workers on the site will add only seven per cent to the load on the roads and the public transport system; that most of the extra road capacity the plan creates will suck traffic away from the surrounding congested areas, leaving them freer for shoppers and strollers; that there will be nearly four times as much space for pedestrians to circulate in as at present; and that the plan will "rejuvenate" the Circus.

Theory at stake

The battle of Piccadilly Circus looks like being prolonged and fairly bloody. What may be at stake is not merely the future of a national symbol, but the survival of a whole theory of town planning, postulated by Prof. Buchanan nearly a decade ago and still dominant.

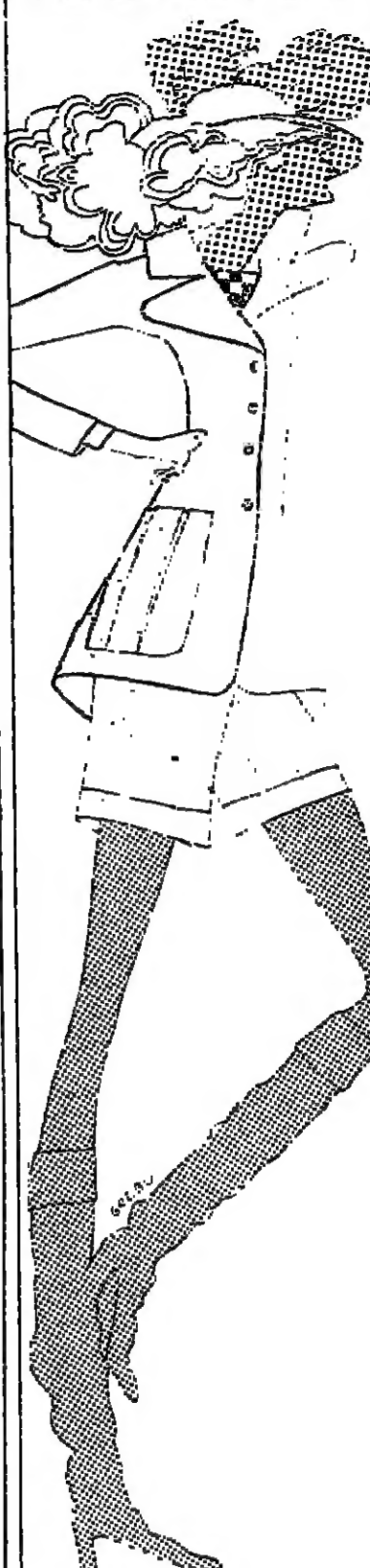
He believes that by segregating through traffic in a network of major arteries you can free "environmental areas" in the areas in between from the depredations of continuous heavy traffic. The theory falls down when, as in Regent Street, Piccadilly and other streets leading on to the Circus, the major arteries are themselves valued "environmental areas." In other words, turning Piccadilly Circus into a concrete jungle and Regent Street into a freeway may be too high a price to pay for redevelopment.



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Local shippers still unsatisfied

Congestion surcharges further reduced

Jerusalem Post Reporter
AIFA. — The major shipping concern serving Israel, Continental East (CONCOON), has decided to further reduce the congestion surcharge on Haifa and Ashdod ports, this time by about one-third. The reduction goes into effect this morning.

The Zim company spokesman, who reported this decision, said that congestion in the ports has all but been eliminated and that Zim would like the same reduction on all its lines. The Scandinavian lines are so reducing the surcharge, and it is expected that the other concerns will also follow suit.

Exporters get new bonus for sales promotion

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Exporters will get another 10 percent per dollar of sales if they do advertising or market research and if their added value exceeds 15 percent.

This definition excludes diamonds and bulk exports, like potash and copper cement, which will not receive the aid. The new grant replaces former government participation in the above-mentioned expenses, which includes costs of opening a sales office overseas, publishing catalogues, etc.

Price ceilings lifted from imported cars

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Government control of price ceilings for imported cars has been abolished. Transport Minister Shimon Peres last week signed an amendment exempting imported cars from the 571 regulation, which established permissible maximum prices for imported and locally made automobiles, spare parts, and other equipment.

The prices of locally made cars and spare parts, however, remain subject to Government control. It is felt that, in regard to spare parts, especially, the public for the most part is committed to buy parts from the maker of one particular brand and is therefore in further need of protection.

Immigrant girl, 19, sues pilot cadet for breach of promise

HAIFA. — A 19-year-old girl immigrant has filed a IL100,000 breach-of-promise suit against an Israeli pilot cadet who, she claims, got her pregnant. She is in her third month.

The girl, whose name was withheld, said she had met the pilot cadet in June 1970. Because of him she decided to immigrate to Israel, living at first in his parents' home and later moving to a student's hostel.

The girl said the pilot refuses to marry her, although he allegedly promised he would accept paternity of the child.

Business strike at Tel Aviv bus terminal

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Businessmen in the usually bustling Central Bus Terminal area here are to go on strike this morning to protest the City's intention to move the out-of-town cab stations to the vicinity of the old southern train terminal.

Some 300 businesses will be closed between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The strike was called by the General Merchants Association, which terms it "a warning strike."

The Association says that, unless the area of the present bus terminal becomes a shantytown, the businesses in the area are doomed — especially as the bus terminal is expected to move to Kikar Levinaky as soon as construction of the new station there is completed. The Association contends that 2,500 families — some 10,000 persons in all — are dependent for their livelihood on business at the terminal.

The Association maintains that, unless "more consideration for the area's businessmen is forthcoming, more and longer strikes will follow."

Grocers warn they'll stop selling milk

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Grocers in this area have threatened to stop marketing milk unless Tuva grants them the same conditions it gives milkmen.

Last week they unanimously approved the threat at a meeting held under the auspices of the Merchants Association, of which they are members. They complain that the milkmen's conditions include a holiday for every case they sell, compensation for work clothes, annual pension for work clothes, annual holiday pay and other social benefits. Tuva wants to allow the grocers only 2.5 agrot for every plastic bag of milk they sell, with no "side benefits."

Reporter found guilty of possessing arms

TEL AVIV. — 'Ma'ariv' reporter Eli Landau was cleared in court yesterday of having illegally acquired weapons from the army, but was convicted of unauthorized possession of firearms.

Woman driver gets three months for fatal accident

REHOVOT. — A woman driver who caused the death of a pedestrian and injured another was sentenced here on Friday to three months' imprisonment, fined IL3,000 and had her driver's license revoked for three years.

The driver, Batya Maris, 37, had been driving her car near the Rishon Lezion industrial zone in May 1971. She struck two women pedestrians who were crossing the road, killing one and injuring the other.

Busy night for Jaffa firemen

TEL AVIV. — The local Fire Brigade was kept busy Saturday night fighting two separate fires in Jaffa business establishments that caused thousands of pounds worth of damage.

The first fire broke out about 10 p.m. in a wooden building that housed a carpentry shop, a printing press, an upholstery shop and a foundry. Six fire crews fought the blaze until dawn.



Miriam Holtzberg Andersen, in a blow-up of a passport picture taken a few months ago.

Wounded girl still in coma

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The condition of Miriam Holtzberg Andersen, who sustained severe head injuries during the exchange of fire on the hijacked Sabena airliner last week, remains unchanged. Sheba Hospital's deputy director, Dr. David Kreisler, told The Jerusalem Post last night that her situation is still "very grave."

Mrs. Andersen is believed to have been sitting next to the woman terrorist, Therese Halaseh, who was holding the detonator that would have set off an explosive charge, and who was thus the key target of the Israeli forces who rushed the plane.

Divergence on peace borders

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The disparity of views in the Government on the nature of the country's peace borders was highlighted over the weekend by a "maximalist" speech from N.R.P. Executive Chairman Yitzhak Rabin, M.K., and by an "ultra-minimalist" statement from Tourism Minister Moshe Kol to an I.L.P. Executive meeting in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Rabin, speaking in Jerusalem, declared that Jerusalem's security could be ensured only by a secure hinterland that would encompass Bethlehem, Hebron, Bethel and Jericho. He urged the Government not only to enlarge Kiryat Arba — the Jewish quarter of Hebron — but to settle thousands of Jewish families in Jericho as well.

2 jailed for throwing hand grenades

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA. — Two young terrorists from the Gaza Strip were sent to prison by a military tribunal here yesterday for throwing two hand grenades, neither of which exploded.

Abed Atiya Duda Sawid, 19, received a six-year jail term and an additional six-year suspended sentence. The prosecutor, Segen-Mishne Moshe Negbi, told the court that in 1968 the accused received a grenade from the now-imprisoned terrorist leader Mohammed Abu Nasser and was told to use it — a Sawid threw the grenade at a police car, but it didn't explode.

RECORD WHEAT HARVEST BEGUN

AFULA. — The wheat harvest began yesterday morning over most of Lower Galilee and the Valley of Jezreel. Farmers are expecting a record harvest from the 180,000 dunams sown this year, thanks to heavy rain during the past winter. Heavy hands have been taken on throughout the area, and the harvesting is expected to take a month and a half to complete.

Cabinet approves decision to study T.A. 'Metro,' with intermediate plans

Transport Minister Shimon Peres is to appoint a committee of experts to study proposals for a Greater Tel Aviv 'Metro.' The Cabinet approved this step at its weekly session yesterday, after a down-to-earth reminder by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir that it would cost "hundreds of millions of pounds" to put into effect. Mr. Peres gave the Cabinet details of the scope of the problem, in and around Tel Aviv, where the roads are becoming increasingly congested.

The committee of experts has been authorized to examine a range of proposals: an underground railway, an overhead (elevated) railway, a monorail, or a combination of various ideas. (Overhead railways are much cheaper than an underground system.) In view of the fact that it will take years before a plan is approved and work starts, it also decided to consider provisional relief measures. Accordingly, the Cabinet authorized the Ministers of Transport and Labour to appoint another committee, to study the possibility of introducing staggered work hours in the Greater Tel Aviv area, in order to ease pressure on public transportation at rush hours.

French here for aviation talks

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
An official delegation from France headed by Mr. Bernard Lathiere, director of the French Civil Aviation Authority, are beginning talks tomorrow in Tel Aviv about the air agreement negotiated last December between El Al and Air France.

The agreement requires ratification at the Government level. First reaction of the French authorities was to refuse ratification, on the grounds that the rights enjoyed by both parties are not in equal balance.

El Al staff off for 2-day march in Switzerland

LOD AIRPORT. — A delegation of 20 El Al employees left yesterday for a two-day march to be held in Switzerland, in which some 10,000 marchers from 13 countries are participating.

The El Al marchers are the only Israelis participating in the event. 'Iitit' learns that, as a result of economy cuts in El Al's budget, the employees have agreed to pay the travel tax for their fares out of their own pockets and to have the days off deducted from their annual leave.

Surprise Cambodia soccer victory

BANGKOK (A.P.) — Cambodia eliminated Kuwait with a surprise 4-0 victory in the final round robin match of the Asian Cup Football Tournament yesterday and joined South Korea as the two group "B" teams to play in the semi-finals against the group "A" winner and runner up — Iran and Thailand. The semi-finals are scheduled for May 16 and 17.

MUSIC FESTIVAL ABU GOSH - KIRYAT YEARIM

Saturday, May 6 and 13 1972, Megiddo-Ein Hashofet at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, Tel Aviv "Dekel Hall" at 8.30 p.m. J.S. BACH Cantata No. 70 "Wachet, betet, send heren" Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra (only at Megiddo-Ein Hashofet) Cantata No. 147 "Herr und Mund und Taiz und Leben" Easter Oratorio Monday, May 15, Jerusalem "Ehan" at 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, Tel Aviv, Beit Hadratru Humorim, Rehov Ben Saruk, at 8.30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Megiddo-Ein Hashofet at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. SCHUMANN — "Liederkreis" SCHUETZ — "Fini mi, Absalom"; "Attesdite popole" JANACEK — "The diary of one who vanished"

Haifa weather kept secret

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Information about the city's weather has become secret information — a victim not of the censor, but of a little strike. In the weather reports of Israel Radio and the daily press, including The Jerusalem Post, no figures for Haifa have been quoted for the past seven months.

Until last October the figures were supplied to the Meteorological Service at Beit Dagon by the weather station in Haifa Port — which is run for the benefit of Mediterranean shipping traffic; by the Ports Authority. Its staff of five, which man the station round the clock, measure the humidity and temperature every three hours, and supplied the figures to Beit Dagon "slister organization" of the Transport Ministry against a small fee — reportedly IL35 a month.

Dizengoff one way from today

TEL AVIV. — Two of Tel Aviv's main streets — Dizengoff and Ben Yehuda — become one way as of this morning. The new system applies to all private cars and "special" taxis, lorries, commercial vehicles, bicycles and motor bikes — but not to buses and sherrut taxis, whose routes remain unchanged.

Dizengoff now becomes one way south, and Ben Yehuda one way north. The one-way system is designed to ease traffic congestion in these main thoroughfares — through which, according to the Municipality, an average of a quarter of a million passengers travel each day on public transport alone.

Herzog to probe postal problems

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Communications Minister Shimon Peres has named a semi-public advisory committee, headed by Mr. Haim Herzog, to study the ills of the postal services and recommend remedies. Informing the Cabinet of this at its weekly session yesterday, Mr. Peres said the committee's terms of reference covered study of the Ministry's structure, organization and functions, and suggestions to bring services up to a satisfactory level.

Druse essay contest in Daliat al-Carmel

DALIAT AL-CARMEI. — An essay contest on the subject "I am an Israeli Druse" was announced yesterday in this Mt. Carmel Druse village. The money for the IL1,000 first prize and IL500 second prize is being put up by the East Yarm Municipal Council, which has recently established close ties with the village local council.

East Yarm has also helped to provide a scholarship for the village's first girl college student, who is now studying at Haifa University. (Him)

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An official delegation from France headed by Mr. Bernard Lathiere, director of the French Civil Aviation Authority, are beginning talks tomorrow in Tel Aviv about the air agreement negotiated last December between El Al and Air France.

El Al staff off for 2-day march in Switzerland

LOD AIRPORT. — A delegation of 20 El Al employees left yesterday for a two-day march to be held in Switzerland, in which some 10,000 marchers from 13 countries are participating.

Surprise Cambodia soccer victory

BANGKOK (A.P.) — Cambodia eliminated Kuwait with a surprise 4-0 victory in the final round robin match of the Asian Cup Football Tournament yesterday and joined South Korea as the two group "B" teams to play in the semi-finals against the group "A" winner and runner up — Iran and Thailand. The semi-finals are scheduled for May 16 and 17.

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HAIFA MUNICIPALITY
The Haifa Symphony Orchestra in cooperation with the Public Council on Art and Culture of the Ministry of Education and Culture Haifa Municipality — Dept. of Culture present on Monday, May 15, 1972, at 8.30 p.m. "Shavi" Hall under the kind patronage of the Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Moshe Flieman, FESTIVE CONCERT with the premiere appearance in Israel of the conductor Yuri Aronovitch (formerly the chief conductor of Radio Moscow) Soloists: SHELOMO MINTZ — Violin ALEXANDER LURKA — Violin

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'There's still more to come' New limitations made on mortgage loans

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent People will no longer be allowed to pay the first deposit on a new apartment by borrowing money from a mortgage bank...

3.75 per cent linked to the Price Index. After three years' saving, the interest will be tax free. The mortgage will cost 9 per cent unlinked - but is limited to the acquisition of a dwelling not exceeding 70 square metres net.

No change for foreign buyers

There will be no change in the 'investment repatriation' rights of foreign residents purchasing real estate in Israel...

Kollek: No boroughs till unity rooted

Mayor Teddy Kollek said last night that his proposal for a borough system in Jerusalem would be relevant only after the Arabs fully recognized that the city will remain united under Israeli rule...

An official of the Central Bureau of Statistics told the Council that 1,000 census takers will be working in Jerusalem during the preliminary national census...

Student's strike today 'Bad faith' between students, Ed. M'stry

Education Minister Yigal Alon was meeting at his office in Jerusalem late last night with representatives of the National Student Union in an effort to avert today's general strike of 40,000 university students...

BEN-AHARON RESIGNS

(Continued from Page One) Mappam's Kibbutz Artzi Secretariat convened yesterday and came out in Mr. Ben-Aharon's support, urging him not to resign...

Labour Minister Yosef Almog that he would resign if that meeting took place when Mr. Almog phoned him to his Kibbutz home on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. 'I never imagined the day would come when the same day would come when the same day would come...

He was very upset that they had not first discussed the matter with a Knesset forum or even at a party level. Elaborating on his charge that a campaign of vilification had been conducted against him for some time, he interjected: 'I know who will drink toasts of champagne today.'

Hoover for better homes

THE WEATHER Forecast: Variable amounts of clouds with a rise in temperature...

ARRIVALS Dr. George Wise, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, from a private visit...

DEPARTURES Dr. S. U. Nahon of the Jewish Agency, for Italy to deliver the main address at the Italian Zionist Congress...

'Came only to listen and learn' Dutch F.M. leaves after meeting Meir

Holland's Foreign Minister, Mr. Norbert Schmelzer, left for home yesterday afternoon following a four-day official visit to Israel. Mr. Schmelzer wound up his visit with a call on Premier Golda Meir at her office in Jerusalem.

He stressed, however, that he had not come to the Middle East as a mediator. His aim was to listen and to learn. He did not think that the fact that Holland maintains good relations with Israel would adversely affect his visit to Cairo.

Eban to Denmark next month

The Foreign Minister and Mrs. Abba Eban have accepted an official invitation from the Government of Denmark to visit that country next month, the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced last night.

Driver killed in pile-up

A driver was killed in a three-vehicle pile-up on the Gaba Road at about 11 p.m. on Saturday night.

Held for forging student I.D.s

TEL AVIV. — A young American was arrested in Magistrate's Court here yesterday on charges of being connected with an international ring dealing in forged student identity cards.

Israeli Arabs convicted in sabotage ring

LEYDIA. — The three-month-long trial of 10 Israeli Arabs and a resident of Nablus - charged with belonging to a Fatah cell which committed a number of sabotage acts in Israel - ended here yesterday with their conviction on nearly every count.

\$100,000 of hash seized in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP). — Three men and a woman were arrested over the weekend for attempting to smuggle \$100,000 worth of Afghanistan hashish into the U.S. through Kennedy Airport.

'Now that I know who you are' Porush, Stasher clash over J'lem investment

TEL AVIV. — The attorneys of Agudat Israel leader Menahem Porush, M.K., and U.S. financier Joe Stasher clashed verbally in court yesterday, when appearing at a hearing in a civil suit filed by Mr. Stasher for the return of \$100,000 which he claims he invested in a building firm headed by Rabbi Porush.

that the company's structure had been changed - but that this had been done with the consent of the shareholders, of whom Mr. Stasher was not one. As to the original claim, Rabbi Porush was prepared to return Mr. Stasher's money to him - now that he "knows who Stasher is," said counsel.

Int'l students plant trees for 'Jerusalem Day'

Some 350 students from 40 countries currently studying in Israel under the Foreign Ministry's International Cooperation Programme yesterday celebrated their own 'Jerusalem Day' with a series of events that included a picnic, tree-planting ceremonies, a reception, and an evening of international folklore at the Jerusalem Theatre.

Sylva Mikunis DEAD AT 63

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Sylva Mikunis, wife of the secretary of the Israel Communist party (Maki), Mr. Shmuel Mikunis, died of a heart attack at Ichilov Hospital here on Saturday night. She was 63.

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Ashkelon residents pay last respects to Rehavya Adivi ASHKELON. — Thousands of Ashkelon residents yesterday paid last respects to their mayor, Rehavya Adivi, who died here Saturday at the age of 73.

Russian Patriarch's visit still 'on'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent The planned visit to Israel this week of Patriarch Pimen, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, was still on yesterday. Nothing in the way of official communication had been received by either the Foreign Ministry or the Orthodox churches in Jerusalem to back up an AP report on Saturday that Pimen had cancelled his trip.

RAISE IL90M

The idea behind the proposed raises, which have yet to be agreed on by the Ministry committee on tuition fees in institutions of higher learning, is to raise IL90m, which can be ploughed back into elementary and pre-school education, or redistributed among poor university students who could not even raise IL900 this year.

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